71-01-Mandated Environmental Health Programs

Fund/Agency: 001/71	Health Departm	nent
Personnel Services	\$3,640,862	
Operating Expenses	\$518,751	
Recovered Costs	(\$102,712)	CAPS Percentage of Agency Total
Capital Equipment	\$27,998	
Total CAPS Cost:	\$4,084,899	11.1%
Federal Revenue	\$68,850	
State Revenue	\$1,570,259	
User Fee Revenue	\$553,542	
Other Revenue	\$135,451	
Total Revenue:	\$2,328,102	88.9%
Net CAPS Cost:	\$1,756,797	Mandated Environmental Health ProgramsAll Other Agency CAPS
Positions/SYE involved in the delivery of this CAPS	67/66.4	

► CAPS Summary

Virginia Code Title 32.1 states that the General Assembly has determined that the protection, improvement, and preservation of the public health and of the environment are essential to the general welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth. The Health Department is directed to provide a comprehensive program of preventative, curative, restorative and environmental health services, educate the citizenry in health and environmental matters, and abate hazards and nuisances to the health and to the environment, both emergency and otherwise, thereby improving the quality of life. In Fairfax County this is accomplished via the mandated regulation of Onsite Sewage Disposal, Private Well Water Supplies, Milk Plant Sanitation, Food Safety, Residential Maintenance, Vector Control, Health and Safety Menaces, and Tourist Establishments. Additional services that have historically been provided by the County are Public Swimming Pool Safety, Air Quality Monitoring, Smoking Regulations, Inspection of New Radiation Equipment Installations, and Tattoo Establishment Regulation. These latter services are provided at the County's discretion; however, once provided the programs must meet State rules and regulations. The County also participates in a regional cost share agreement established by the Northern Virginia Planning District Commission to fund the Occoquan Water

Monitoring Laboratory. The contract services with Virginia PolyTech Institute (VPI) were established at the direction of the Board of Supervisors in 1982. The Environmental Quality Advisory Council recommended continuous testing of the Occoquan Reservoir water source by resolution in 1982.

The Health Department has adopted a policy to participate regionally with other local health departments when establishing and/or amending ordinances and policies. This cooperation especially benefits the food service industry with the provision of uniform requirements among the area jurisdictions. The County's ordinances governing food establishments and public swimming pools were amended in 2001 with significant improvements that will enhance the protection of the public health and safety. The Division of Environmental Health is in the process of drafting major changes to the onsite sewage disposal and private well water ordinances. The proposed changes will help ensure that onsite sewage systems and private well water systems are a viable, safe, and reliable long-term alternative to a public sewage system. The changes are necessary to keep pace with fast developing technology in the field of onsite sewage disposal. The developing technology can be complicated and maintenance intensive. The successful operation of such systems is dependent upon an educated homeowner to follow strict maintenance protocols. The Health Department is also reviewing the tattoo ordinance and is proposing regulations to include body art and body piercing, both of which are generally invasive procedures that can transmit diseases such as hepatitis.

The Division is working with the Metropolitan Council of Governments and the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Health to formulate a coordinated plan to respond to the Arboviral Diseases such as West Nile Virus. A contract is in place for the 2001 mosquito season to provide surveillance and control of the mosquito population. This is necessary to identify mosquito pools that may be infected with the West Nile Virus and to reduce the breeding of mosquitoes in high risk areas, such as the area surrounding nursing homes and extended care facilities or other highly populated areas.

The Community Health and Safety Section enforces the Virginia Uniform State Wide Building Code Maintenance Provisions. This activity is closely associated with blight prevention and abatement. The Division implemented a successful pilot Neighborhood Volunteer Inspection Program. This program provides citizen groups and volunteers with the tools they need to improve their community without government intervention. The goal of the program is to reinstate a feeling of civic pride in one's community.

Staff resources are unable to keep pace with the increasing demands for services. The Food Safety Section experienced a 50 percent turnover in staff in the first half of 2001. The Section and the Division have experienced approximately 35 percent turnover in staff in the past few years. Many qualified applicants are attracted to the positions through the recruitment process. Many are recent graduates who accept jobs, receive one year of training and move on to different careers or to other area health departments at higher salaries with significantly less work loads.

▶ Method of Service Provision

Most services are provided directly by County employees. Some monitoring, testing and special project services are contracted.

► Performance/Workload Related Data

Title	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Actual	FY 2000 Actual	FY 2001 Estimate	FY 2002 Estimate
Onsite sewage permits issued	1,138	1,201	1,258	1,297	1,300
Well permits issued	454	628	709	530	550
Milk plant inspections	54	27	20	33	36
Food service permits	3,505	3,464	3,325	3,423	3,450
Food safety inspections	6,985	9,257	8,723	10,618	10,500
Foodborne illness investigations	222	249	212	250	250
Housing cases investigated	898	873	1,059	890	900
Vector complaints investigated	467	555	765	781	800
Health and safety menace notices issued	240	391	271	355	360
Tourists establishments	88	91	94	98	100
Public swimming pools	579	595	597	612	615
Air quality monitoring stations	4	4	4	4	4
1-hour ozone excedant days	3	1	1	2	1
8-hour ozone excedant days	25	16	4	16	16

Mandate Information

This CAPS is Federally or State mandated. The percentage of this CAPS' resources utilized to satisfy the mandate is 76 - 100%. The specific Federal or State Code and a brief description of the Code follows:

Federal

- Federal Clean Water Act
- Federal Clean Air Act

State

- Code of Virginia 32.1-164 Onsite Sewage Disposal
- Code of Virginia 32.1-176.4; Well Water Supplies
- Code of Virginia 3.1 -246 Milk Plant Regulations
- <u>Code of Virginia</u> Title 35.1 Hotels, Restaurants, Summer Camps, Campgrounds
- Code of Virginia 32.1-247 Vector Control
- Code of Virginia 32.1-2 Disease Prevention and Control
- Code of Virginia 15.2-912 Tattoo Parlors
- Code of Virginia 10.1-1321, Air Pollution

▶ User Fee Information

Subobject Code	Fee Title		FY 2002 ABP Fee Total
0443	Licenses-Sanitation Inspection		\$785
Current Fee		Maximum Allowable	Fee Amount
\$45 Initial Fee,	\$35 Renewal Fee,	No Limit	
\$50 Late fee			

Purpose of Fee:

To partially offset the cost of licensing on site sewage disposal contractors.

Levy Authority	Requirements to Change the Fee	Year Fee Was Last Adjusted
Code of Virginia 54.1- 1117, Code of Fairfax County 68-1-31	Amendment to County Code Chapter 68	1991

Other Remarks:

Fee is reviewed periodically as the County Code is amended. Fee is based on cost of processing the license application. Fee is then adjusted to a reasonable figure based on what the current market will accept.

Subobject Code	Fee T	itle	FY 2002 ABP Fee Total
0445	Permits - Septic Tanks		\$66,240
Current Fee		Maximum Allowable	Fee Amount
\$120- New application \$ 75- Expansion Permit or re-evaluation		No Limit	

Purpose of Fee:

To offset the cost of processing and evaluating an application to install or expand an onsite sewage disposal system.

Levy Authority	Requirements to Change the Fee	Year Fee Was Last Adjusted
Code of Virginia 32.1-	Amendment to County Code Chapter 68	1991
164.5 Code of Fairfax		
County Chapter 68-1- 31		

Other Remarks:

Fee is reviewed periodically as the County Code is amended. Fee is based on cost of processing the permit application and evaluating a lot for an onsite sewage disposal system. Fee is calculated for approximately a 50 percent cost recovery.

Subobject Code	Fee	Title	FY 2002 ABP Fee Total
0446	Licenses – Septic Tank Truck		\$26,594
Current Fee		Maximum Allowable	Fee Amount
First Truck Licer		No Limit	
Each Additional	Truck \$225		

Purpose of Fee:

To offset the cost of inspecting the trucks and the sewage dumping stations and the administration of the mandated 5-year pump out requirement.

Levy		Year Fee Was
Authority	Requirements to Change the Fee	Last Adjusted
Code of	Amendment to County Code Chapter 68	1991
Virginia 54.1-	-	
1117, Code of		
Fairfax County		
Chapter 68-1-		
31		

Other Remarks:

Fee is reviewed periodically as the County Code is amended. Fee is based on cost of processing the license application and inspection of the trucks. Fee is then adjusted to a reasonable figure based on what the current market will accept.

Subobject			FY 2002 ABP	
Code	Fee Title		Fee Total	
0447	Permits - Well Water Supply		\$21,000	
	Current Fee	Maximum Allowable	Fee Amount	
\$70		No Limit		
Purpose of Fee:				
To offset the c	To offset the cost to process the application, conduct required site inspections, permit			
issuance, and wa	issuance, and water analysis.			
Levy			Year Fee Was	
Authority	Requirements to	Change the Fee	Last Adjusted	
Code of	Amendment to County Code	Chapter 70	1996	
Virginia 32.1-	-			
176.4B, <u>Code</u>				
of Fairfax				

County 70-1-7 Other Remarks:

Fee is reviewed periodically as the County Code is amended. Fee is based on cost of processing the license application with expectation of approximately 40 percent recovery.

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Subobject			FY 2002 ABP	
Code	Fee T	itle	Fee Total	
0448	Licenses - Well Water System		\$135	
	Current Fee	Maximum Allowable	Fee Amount	
\$15 Initial Fee,	\$17 Late Fee	No Limit		
Purpose of Fee:				
To offset the cos	st of processing a water well co	ontractors license.		
Levy	Ye		Year Fee Was	
Authority	Requirements to Change the Fee		Last Adjusted	
Code of	Amendment to County Code	Chapter 68	1969	
Virginia 54.1-				
1117, <u>Code of</u>				
Fairfax County				
70-1-7				
Other Remarks:				

Fee is reviewed periodically as the County Code is amended.

Subobject			FY 2002 ABP
Code	Fee Title		Fee Total
0449	Routine Water sample		\$3,640
	Current Fee	Maximum Allowable	Fee Amount
\$20		No Limit	
Purpose of Fee:	Purpose of Fee:		
To offset the cost of a well inspection and sample collection and analysis.			
Levy			Year Fee Was
Authority	Requirements to	Change the Fee	Last Adjusted
Code of Fairfax	Amendment to County Code	Chapter 70	1996
County section			
70-1-29			

Other Remarks:

Fee is reviewed periodically. Fee must be competitive and reasonable in order to encourage well water owners to have their well water sampled periodically.

Subobject			FY 2002 ABP
Code	Fee T	itle	Fee Total
0461	Licenses - Swimming pool		\$146,080
	Current Fee	Maximum Allowable	Fee Amount
Variable with size	ze of the pool, From \$45 to	No Limit	
\$600. Typical Po	ool Fee is \$250.		
Purpose of Fee:			
To offset the cos	st of permitting and inspection	of public swimming pools.	
Levy			Year Fee Was
Authority	Requirements to	Change the Fee	Last Adjusted
Code of Fairfax	Amendment to County Code Chapter 69		1996
<u>County</u> 69-1-5			
Other Remarks:			
Fee is reviewed as the County Code is amended and is established based on the size and use			
of the pool or facility.			

Subobject			FY 2002 ABP
Code	Fee Title		Fee Total
0472	Portable Toilet Fee		\$385
Current Fee Maximum Allowable		Fee Amount	
\$35 Renewal, \$4	5 Initial Fee,	No Limit	
\$ 50 Late fee			
Purpose of Fee:			
To offset the cost	of permit processing and site	e inspections.	
			Year Fee Was
Levy Authority	Requirements to Change the Fee		Last Adjusted
Code of Fairfax	Amendment to County Code	Chapter 68	1993
County 68-1-31	-		
Other Remarks:			
Fee is reviewed periodically as the County Code is amended. Fee is based on cost of			
processing the license application.			

Subobject	F	"!! ₋	FY 2002 ABP
Code	Fee Title		Fee Total
0475	Food Establishment Operating Permit		\$77,101
Current Fee		Maximum Allowable	Fee Amount
\$25		Limited to County required	l processes only.

Purpose of Fee:

To offset the cost of processing the application for a food establishment permit and to provide for a continuing food safety educational program.

		Year Fee Was
Levy Authority	Requirements to Change the Fee	Last Adjusted
Code of Fairfax	Amendment to County Code Chapter 43.1	1998
County 43.1-3-1		

Other Remarks:

Fee is reviewed every 2 to 3 years with new FDA Code amendments. Fee is set to what the food industry will endorse.

Subobject			FY 2002 ABP	
Code	Fee Title		Fee Total	
0479	Septic System Fees State Share		\$43,890	
	Current Fee	Maximum Allowable		
\$75	Set by The State Board of F		Health	
	Purpose of Fee: To offset the cost of processing applications and permits for new onsite sewage disposa systems			
Levy Authority	Requirements to	Change the Fee	Year Fee Was Last Adjusted	
Code of Virginia 32.1- 164.5	Amendment to State Regulati	ons	1994	
	: by the Board of Health. Reven alth Department.	ue was previously sent to th	ne State prior to the	
Subobject			FY 2002 ABP	
Code	Fee T	itle	Fee Total	
0480	Fees-Well Permit State Share	itte	\$14,400	
0400	Current Fee	Maximum Allowable		
\$40	Currentree	Set by The State Board of F		
Purpose of Fee:		Set by The State Board of I	Icaitii	
	st of processing an application	and permit for a new private	e well water	
	Requirements to		Year Fee Was Last Adjusted	
Code of Virginia 32.1- 176 4B	Amendment to State Regulati	ons	1994	
	: by the Board of Health. Revent alth Department.	ue was previously sent to the	e State prior to the	
Subobject			FY 2002 ABP	
Code	Fee T	itle	Fee Total	
0481	Miscellaneous Environmental		\$5,212	
	Current Fee	Maximum Allowable		
Various – no set				
Purpose of Fee:				
	for time spent responding to F	reedom of Information Act r	equest and other	
miscellaneous re			1	
Levy			Year Fee Was	
Authority	Requirements to	Change the Fee	Last Adjusted	
Code of	Fee is based on time and mat		N/A	
Virginia				
2.1.1340-				
346.1				

Other Remarks:

Fee is calculated based on actual time for staff to respond.

Subobject Code	Fee Title		FY 2002 ABP Fee Total	
0483	Alternative Discharge Sewag		\$65	
(Current Fee	Maximum Allowable	Fee Amount	
\$65		Set by the Board of Health		
Purpose of Fee: To offset the cost	To offset the cost of processing an application for an alternative discharge sewage system			
Levy Authority	Requirements to Change the Fee		Year Fee Was Last Adjusted	
Code of Virginia 32.1- 163 & 164	Amendment to State Regulations		1994	
Other Remarks: Set by the State Board of Health				

Subobject			FY 2002 ABP
Code	Fee Title		Fee Total
0484	Health Site Development Rev	view	\$24,000
	Current Fee Maximum Allowable		Fee Amount
\$50	No Limit		
Purpose of Fee:			
To offset the cost	t of plat review when needs of	the applicant have changed	l requiring
modification and	evaluation.		
			Year Fee Was
Levy Authority	Requirements to	Change the Fee	Year Fee Was Last Adjusted
Levy Authority Code of Fairfax	Requirements to Amendment to County Code		
			Last Adjusted
Code of Fairfax			Last Adjusted
Code of Fairfax County Chapter			Last Adjusted
Code of Fairfax County Chapter 68-1-31 Other Remarks:		Chapter 68	Last Adjusted 1996

Subobject Code	Fee Title		FY 2002 ABP Fee Total
0485	Building Permit Application I	Review by Health	\$40,000
(Current Fee Maximum Allowable		Fee Amount
\$40		No Limit	
Purpose of Fee:			
To offset the cost	of processing a Building Perr	nit application.	
Levy Authority	Requirements to Change the Fee		Year Fee Was Last Adjusted
Code of Fairfax County Chapter 68-1-31 and 70- 1-30	County Chapter 68-1-31 and 70-		
Other Remarks: Fee will be reviewed periodically as the Codes are reviewed.			

Subobject Code	Fee T	itle	FY 2002 ABP Fee Total
0487	Public Establishment Plan Rev	1010	\$47,925
	Current Fee Maximum Allowable		Fee Amount
\$135		No Limit	
Purpose of Fee: To offset the cost of plan review.			
Levy Authority	Requirements to	Change the Fee	Year Fee Was Last Adjusted
Code of Fairfax County 43.1-1- 3 and 69-1-4	Amendment to County Code Chapter 43 and 69 1996		1996
Other Remarks: Fees are reviewed as the Codes are reviewed.			

Subobject Code	Fee T	itle	FY 2002 ABP Fee Total
0680	Fees- Sewage Disposal and Well Water Evaluation		\$36,090
Current Fee		Maximum Allowable	Fee Amount
\$90		No Limit	

Purpose of Fee:

User fee to offset the cost of providing a service of inspection of well water and onsite sewage disposal systems usually in conjunction with a real estate transfer of refinance; usually requested by mortgage companies or via contract.

Levy Authority	Requirements to Change the Fee	Year Fee Was Last Adjusted
Code of Fairfax County	Amendment to County Code Chapter 68	1996
Chapter 68-1- 31		

Other Remarks:

Fee is reviewed periodically when Code is reviewed. Fee is set to off set the cost of providing a written evaluation of the condition of an existing onsite sewage disposal system and /or well water supply. The fee is set to be competitive in the market.